President : It is a question of intention of Government.

Agreement with Messrs. Harvey and Co., re the Punalore Paper Mills.

110. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any agreement was entered into with Messrs. Harvey and Co., for handing over charge of the Punalore Paper Mills;

(*b*) if so, when the agreement was entered into;

(*c*) what are its terms; and

(*d*) whether they will lay a copy of the agreement on the table?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Government have no information regarding the agreement, if any, that may have been entered into between the Punalore Paper Mills and Messrs. Harvey and company

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) in view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Muslim Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

111. ***Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of places in the cadre of Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department;

(*b*) the number of Muslim Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*c*) whether any qualified Muslim has applied for the post of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to furnish a statement, by caste, of the number of appointments made in that cadre after the date of application of the Muslim candidate and the qualification of each so appointted?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : (*a*) 86.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A * Statement, by community is laid on the table.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know how many Muslims have applied?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : One.

Mr. Muhammed Ismail : May I know his qualifications?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : He is L. M. P.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : May I know why this one Muslim applicant is not entertained even though 26 other appointments were made after his application?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : The Public Service Commissioner did not recommend his name.

*Vide Appendix V—page 581.

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Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether an L. M. P. non-Muslim is more qualified than an L. M. P. Muslim

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: They are equally qualified.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether those appointed had acted before or whether they were fresh hands?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: They had acted previously.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): May I know why the Ezhava candidate who has acted before is not appointed?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: May I know whether he is in service now?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: I claim notice.

Construction of a bridge at Palai.

112. ***Mr. R. V. Thomas**: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) in which year the construction of a bridge at Palai was sanctioned by Government;

(*b*) in which year the amount sanctioned for the bridge was first included in the budget;

(*c*) when the actual construction of the bridge was begun; and

(*d*) when it was washed away by the floods?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: (*a*) 1916 A. D./1092 M. E.

(*b*) 1099 M. E.

(*c*) 1101 M. E.

(*d*) 1104 M. E.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: May I know when the Government intends to construct the bridge?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: When funds permit.

Measures to improve the price of cocoanuts.

113. ***Mr. K. M. Korah**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any representations to the Government of India relative to improving the price of cocoanuts produced in India and also to state the nature of the action taken by the Government of India on these representations?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes. A deputation waited on the Honourable the Commerce Member, the Honourable the Finance Member and the Honourable Member for Lands, Health and Education, of the Government of India, and discussed with them the various aspects of the question of affording adequate protection to the cocoanut industry. The deputation furnished necessary facts

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Appendix V.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 111.**

Statement, by community, of Sub-Assistant Surgeons (men and women) advised for recruitment after 12th July 1937.

Community.	Men	Women	Qualifications
Brahmin ...	5	...	All L. M. P.
Nayar ...	3	2	All L. M. P.
Other Caste Hindu ...	1	...	L. M. P.
Ezhava ...	2	1	All L. M. P.
Other Hindu ...	...	1	L. M. P.
	(Honorary)		
Jacobite ...	1	...	L. M. P.
Marthomite ...	4	...	All L. M. P.
Syriac Catholic ...	1	1	Both L. M. P.
Other Christian ...	2	1	2 L. M. P. 1 Diplomate, King Edward College, Lahore. 1919. Registered by Punjab Medical Council.
S. I. U. C. ...	7	1	7 L. M. P. 1 M. B. B. S.
Total ...	26	7	

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